

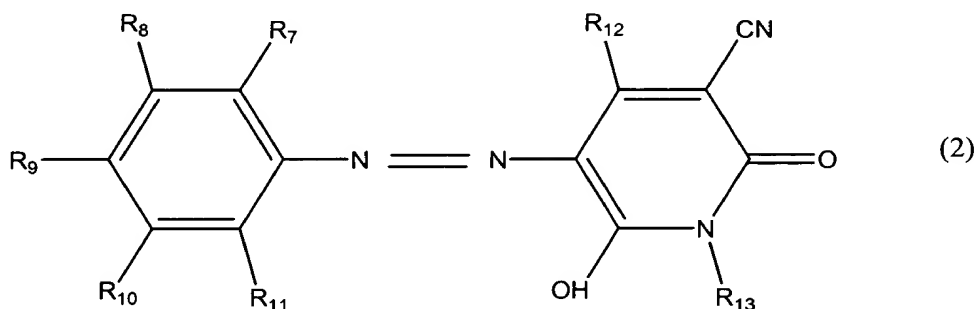
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 5. (Canceled)

6. (Allowed) An aqueous ink for ink-jet recording comprising water and a resin as an emulsion, wherein the resin is colored with a pyridone azo compound represented by the formula (2);



wherein

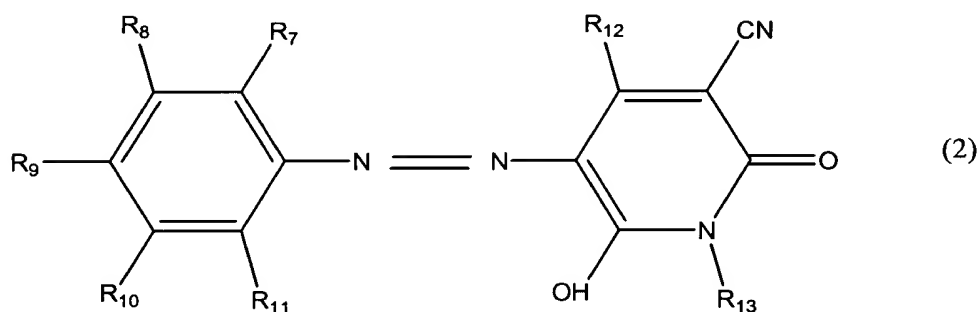
each of R_7 to R_{11} independently, represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group; an aralkyl group, an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, a hydroxyl group, $-NR_{14}R_{15}$ in which each of R_{14} and R_{15} independently, represents a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, or an aralkyl group, $-COX_1$ in which X_1 represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, or $-NR_{16}R_{17}$ in which each of R_{16} and R_{17} independently, represents a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, or an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, $-COO(CH_2)_n-COX_2$, $-OCOX_3$, or $-NHCOX_4$, in which X_2 to X_4 represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, or an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, and n is an integer of 1 to 3, provided that at least one of R_7 to R_9 is $-CONR_{16}R_{17}$ having 17 or more carbon atoms,

R_{12} represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 4 or more carbon atoms,

R_{13} represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 8 or more carbon atoms.

7. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Allowed) A pyridone azo compound represented by the formula (2);



wherein

each of R_7 to R_{11} independently, represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, a hydroxyl group, $-NR_{14}R_{15}$ in which each of R_{14} and R_{15} independently, represents a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, or an aralkyl group, $-COX_1$ in which X_1 represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, or $-NR_{16}R_{17}$ in which R_{16} and R_{17} independently, represents a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, or an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, $-COO(CH_2)_n-COX_2$, $-OCOX_3$, or $-NHCOX_4$ in which X_2 to X_4 represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, or an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, and n is an integer of 1 to 3, provided that at least one of R_7 to R_9 is $-CONR_{16}R_{17}$ having 17 or more carbon atoms,

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12. – 17. (Canceled)